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1. The former German Air Corps and Army Signal School in Halle-Nietleben is about 85 percent undamaged. Repairs since the war have been slight. Surplus German army equipment, completely unusable, is strewn about in the barracks. The heavy guard, according to the local population, has been increased in the last fourteen days. The estimated strength of the garrison is 5,000 men. Of the total, 250 men are stationed at the school's flying field. Air traffic at the field is very limited. A courier plane (Douglas) arrives daily from Berlin. A "squadron" of reconnaissance planes double-wing, single-engine, without markings, is kept ready for service. Two Douglas twin-engine fighters with markings CCT 4079 are also stationed at the field. The main radio station at the school has been rebuilt and is in service.

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2. The garrison has 300-350 motor vehicles at its disposal. Most of them of German or American origin. In addition to motor transport, the garrison is reported to have about 200 horses. These have been observed for the most part in the northern section of the barracks area and are believed to be used in moving the 76.2 mm cannon. There are 150 such pieces. Fourteen tanks were observed west of the hangar. They had tracks and suspensions like the T-34 but some were armed with 76.2 mm normal howitzers, and some with 76.2 mm long rifles with muzzle brakes. One tank on the turret. Thirty naval officers and sailors are at the school.

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3. Approximately 1,000 Russian troops were reportedly occupying the former anti-aircraft barracks in Halle-Körmilitz. The age of the troops ranges between 20 and 40 years of age. Informant reports that armored corps troops are brought to the barracks to be given a refresher course in infantry tactics and theory. Four gasoline dumps consisting of twenty-two to thirty-six 200 liter drums were observed. Three small buildings (4 meters high, 5 meters wide, and 15 meters long) are under guard behind barbed wire.

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4. The World War I buildings of the former German Armorers (Waffenmeister) School on Merseburger Street in Halle/S are occupied by 800-1000 Russian troops. According to the local population, these troops are divided into various service

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units, such as transport and ordnance companies. The school's shop is in use. The new buildings of the school were taken over in July 1946 by 300 400 "Stalin Pupils" from 18 to 25 years of age. They are at present undergoing severe infantry training.

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5. A tank of about fifty tons was observed in Eüschedorf near Halle. It had a special high construction in the rear with a strong crane. A 50mm gun was mounted to the right of the turret with a limited range of traverse.

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6. Two Russian trucks hauling German mortars were observed near Nietleben. The trucks

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Two similar units were seen in Halle

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